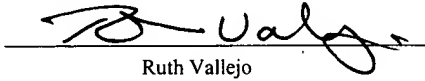




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158P1D7 USEFUL IN THE
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated October 15, 2003 for which a response was due on November 15, 2003. As the due date falls on a Saturday, this response is timely filed, on November 17, 2003.

Applicant's representative has spoken with the examiner on November 17, 2003 with respect to the above referenced Office Communication, which requires an amendment to identify the protein referenced in the claims by reference to a specific sequence identification number. We have pointed out to the Examiner that this protein is identified in the specification and the

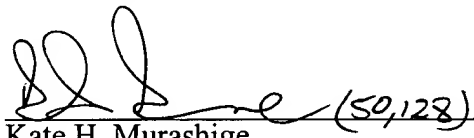
drawings, as amended, by a specific sequence identification number. As such, the Examiner has accepted said identification without further amendment at this time. However, it is noted that the Examiner has ordered the file to review this matter for further confirmation.

If it is determined that issues remain that could readily be resolved via contact with Applicant's representative, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

In the unlikely event that the patent office determines that extensions and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or fees due to deposit account no. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 511582005000. The Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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